

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent Number: 6,246,887 Confirmation No.: 4527  
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Application No.: 09/199,378  
Name of Patentee: Claus-Chr. Eckhardt  
Title of Invention: Appliance With Indicating Device

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**ATTENTION: Decision and Certificate of Correction  
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT**

Attached herewith is Form PTO/SB/44 in a format that is suitable for printing.

This request is being made in order to correct errors in the Family and Priority Sections of the patent. PAIR for U.S. patent No. 6,246,887 reflects that a prior attempt was made to correct these errors, but it appears the Petition was never acted on by the Patent Office.

Please issue a Certificate of Correction and send the document to:

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Since this Request for Certificate of Correction is being filed due to error by the Patent and Trademark Office, no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

U.S. Patent No. 6,246,887 (the “‘887 patent”) is the subject of Reexamination no. 90/010624 in which the German application that was the parent of the parent patent no. 5,960,078 (the “‘078 patent”) is cited as a reference. The ‘887 patent includes no reference to the parent ‘078 patent and no reference to the German parent of the ‘078 patent, which was German application number 298 020 545 filed February 14, 1996. The ‘078 patent does include a claim of priority to the German application.

### **Relevant History of the U.S. Applications**

The ‘078 patent issued from an application filed in the U.S. Patent Office on February 13, 1977 that claimed priority to German patent application number 296 02 545. *See*, cover page of ‘078 patent (copy attached as Exhibit A) and January 13, 1997 Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in the prosecution history of the ‘078 patent (copy attached as Exhibit B).

The ‘887 patent issued from an application filed November 25, 1998. The issued ‘887 patent contains no statement of priority to the application for the ‘078 patent and no statement of priority to the original German application. *See* the cover page of U.S. Patent no. 6,246,887 (copy attached as Exhibit C); however, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (copy attached as Exhibit D) that was filed with the application

for the '887 patent (and is part of the prosecution file) identifies the application for the '887 patent as a divisional of the application for the '078 patent (serial no. 08/799,274). Under the preprinted statement in that Utility Patent Application Transmittal form: "If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, *check appropriate box and supply the requisite information;*" the box "Divisional" is marked and the serial no. "08/799274" appears in a blank for the "prior application No." Furthermore, the declaration in the file is a copy of the January 13, 1997 Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (Exhibit B) filed in the application for the '078 patent, which claimed priority to the German 296 02 545 application.

### **Applicable Regulation**

Presentation of priority claims in U.S. applications filed BEFORE November 29, 2000 are governed by the version of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 in force at that time. The application for the '078 patent was filed February 13, 1997; accordingly the pre-November 29, 2000 version of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 is applicable.

### **Claim of Foreign Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119**

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (the "MPEP") states, in section 201.16, that:

The failure to perfect a claim to foreign priority benefit prior to issuance of the patent may be cured by filing a reissue application. *Brenner v. State of Israel*, 400 F.2d 789, 158 USPQ 584 (D.C. Cir. 1968).

However, under certain conditions, this failure may also be cured by filing a certificate of correction request under 35 U.S.C. 255 and 37 CFR 1.323.

For example, in the case of *In re Van Esdonk*, 187 USPQ 671 (Comm'r Pat. 1975), the Commissioner granted a request to issue a certificate of correction in order to perfect a claim to foreign priority benefits. In that case, a claim to foreign priority benefits had not been filed in the application prior to issuance of the patent. However, the application was a continuation of an earlier application in which the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f) had been satisfied. Accordingly, the Commissioner held that the "applicants' perfection of a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119 in the parent application will satisfy the statute with respect to their continuation application."

The '887 patent is a "divisional" continuation of an earlier application (the application for the '078 patent). *See*, Utility Patent Application Transmittal (attached as Exhibit D). The '078 patent is patent "in which the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f) had been satisfied." Accordingly, it is possible to correct this omission of a claim of foreign priority by a certificate of correction.

### **Claim of Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120**

The Manual of Patent examining procedure explains that:

Under certain conditions, a Certificate of Correction can be used, with respect to 35 U.S.C. 120, to correct the failure to make reference to a prior copending U.S. application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and (a)(4)<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> "Except for a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d), any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or international applications designating the United States of America must contain a reference to each such prior application, identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number) or international application number and international filing date and indicating the relationship of the applications. Unless the reference required by this paragraph is included in an application data sheet (§ 1.76), the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence following any title. The request for a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d) is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 to the prior application. The identification of an application by application number under this section is the specific reference required by 35

For 35 U.S.C. 120 priority, all requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) must have been met in the application which became the patent to be corrected; and it must be clear from the record of the patent and the parent application(s) that priority is appropriate.

If all the above-stated conditions are satisfied, a Certificate of Correction can be used to amend the patent to make reference to a prior copending application, or to correct an incorrect reference to the prior copending application. Note *In re Schuurs*, 218 USPQ 443 (Comm'r Pat. 1983) which suggests that a Certificate of Correction is an appropriate remedy for correcting, in a patent, reference to a prior copending application. Also, note *In re Lambrech*, 202 USPQ 620 (Comm'r Pat. 1976), citing *In re Van Esdonk*, 187 USPQ 671 (Comm'r Pat. 1975).

If any of the above-stated conditions is not satisfied, the filing of a reissue application would be appropriate to pursue the desired correction of the patent.

MPEP 1481.03(II)(A).

All requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1)<sup>3</sup> are met, and it is “clear from the record of the patent and the parent application(s) that priority is appropriate” because:

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U.S.C. 120 to every application assigned that application number. Cross-references to other related applications may be made when appropriate (see § 1.14(a)).”

<sup>2</sup> “Any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending provisional applications must contain a reference to each such prior provisional application, identifying it as a provisional application, and including the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number). Unless the reference required by this paragraph is included in an application data sheet (§ 1.76), the specification must contain or be amended to contain such reference in the first sentence following any title.”

<sup>3</sup> “A nonprovisional application may claim an invention disclosed in one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or copending international applications designating the United States of America. In order for a nonprovisional application to claim the benefit of a prior filed copending nonprovisional application or copending international application designating the United States of America, each prior application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later filed nonprovisional

1. Comparison of the '078 and '887 patents confirms that they contain the same specifications and drawings;
2. The "Utility Patent Application Transmittal" sheet (Exhibit D) submitted with the application for the '887 patent and appearing in the file history states that the application for the '887 patent was a continuation (divisional) application of the application for the '078 patent;
3. The same inventors are named in both patents;
4. The same Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (Exhibit B) appears in both file histories; and
5. The '887 and '078 patents were copending November 29, 1998 (the '887 patent actual filing date) through September 28, 1999 (the '078 patent issued date).

Accordingly, the omission of the claim of priority to the parent U.S. application can also be corrected by Certificate of Correction, and the undersigned respectfully requests that the Office issue the Certificate of Correction.

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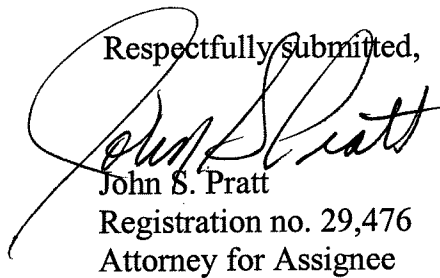
application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later filed nonprovisional application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. In addition, each prior application must be:

- (i) An international application entitled to a filing date in accordance with PCT Article 11 and designating the United States of America; or
- (ii) Complete as set forth in § 1.51(b); or
- (iii) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) and include the basic filing fee set forth in § 1.16; or
- (iv) Entitled to a filing date as set forth in § 1.53(b) and have paid therein the processing and retention fee set forth in § 1.21(l) within the time period set forth in § 1.53(f)."

**Conclusion**

Prompt issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

If any issue can be resolved by telephone, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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APPLICATION NO.: 09199378  
ISSUE DATE : June 12 2001  
INVENTOR(S) : Claus-Chr. Eckhardt

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Please add at Section 21:

"Divisional Application of Patent No.: 5,960,078

Please add as Foreign Application Priority Data:

Feb 14, 1996 [DE] 296 02 545 U

**MAILING ADDRESS OF SENDER (Please do not use customer number below):**

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The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether disclosure of these records is required by the Freedom of Information Act.
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5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).
7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (*i.e.*, GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspection or an issued patent.
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**EXHIBIT A**

[54] **APPLIANCE WITH INDICATING DEVICE**

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[21] **Appl. No.:** **08/799,274**

[22] **Filed:** **Feb. 13, 1997**

[30] **Foreign Application Priority Data**

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[51] **Int. Cl.<sup>6</sup>** ..... **H04M 1/00**

[52] **U.S. Cl.** ..... **379/433; 379/434; 379/440**

[58] **Field of Search** ..... 379/430, 426,  
379/433, 434, 428; 14/138; 345/158, 169;  
361/681, 625; 455/349

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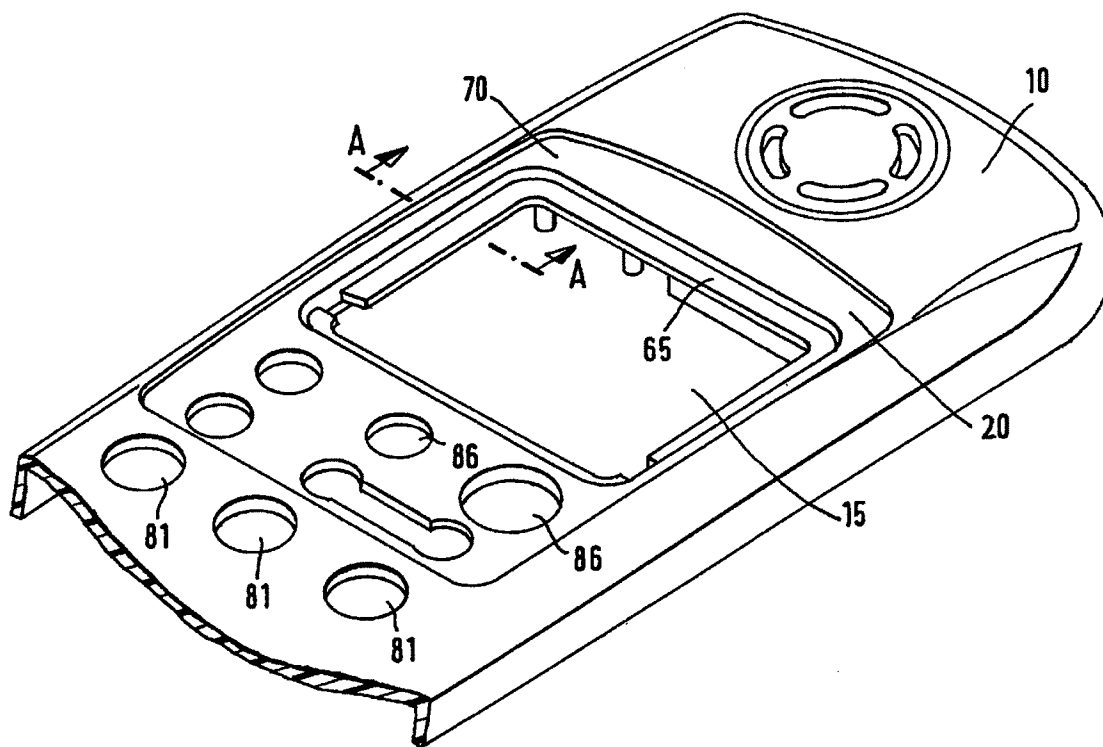
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**



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**EXHIBIT B**

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER  
OF ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

Claus-Chr. ECKHARDT

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention.

APPLIANCE WITH INDICATING DEVICE

the specification of which:

(Check one) X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_ and

was amended on \_\_\_  
(if applicable)

was amended through \_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section § 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):			Priority Claimed	
<u>2 96 02 545.3</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>	<u>February 14, 1996</u>	<u>X</u>	___
Priority Number	Country	Date filed (Priority Date)	Yes	No
___	___	___	Yes	No
Priority Number	Country	Date filed (Priority Date)	Yes	No
___	___	___	Yes	No
Priority Number	Country	Date filed (Priority Date)	Yes	No

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 35, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

The undersigned hereby authorizes **Michael J. Striker** and the firm of **Striker, Striker & Stenby**, to accept and follow instructions from:

ROBERT BOSCH GMBH

as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between Michael J. Striker, the firm of Striker, Striker & Stenby, and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, Michael J. Striker and the firm of Striker, Striker & Stenby will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

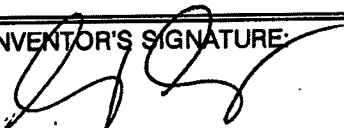
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(\*) **Notice:** Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

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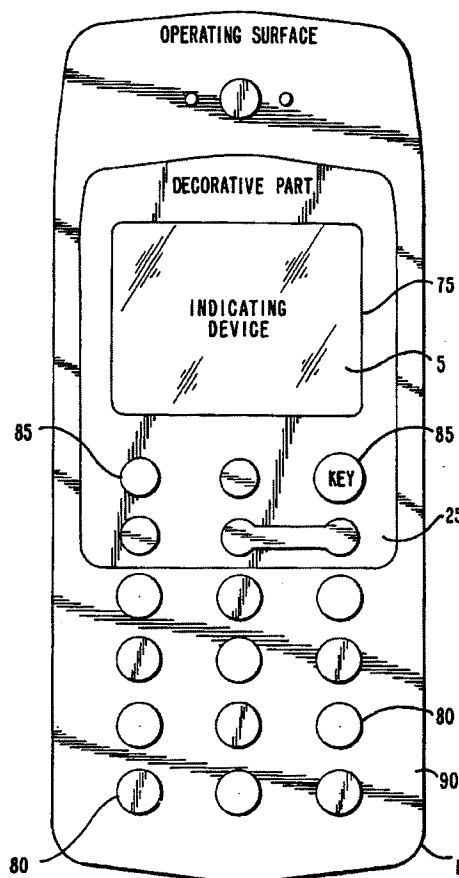
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**EXHIBIT D**

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Large Entity)

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**APPLIANCE WITH INDICATING DEVICE**

and invented by:

**Claus-Chr. ECKHARDT**

If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*

- a. ☒ Formal      Number of Sheets 4
- b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration

- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)*      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*

- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*

10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard

14. ☒ Certificate of Mailing

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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*

16. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below):*

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (1 MONTH)

**Fee Calculation and Transmittal**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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Total Claims	14	- 20 =	0	x \$22.00	\$0.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE					\$870.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 19-4675 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

  
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Dated: NOVEMBER 24, 1998

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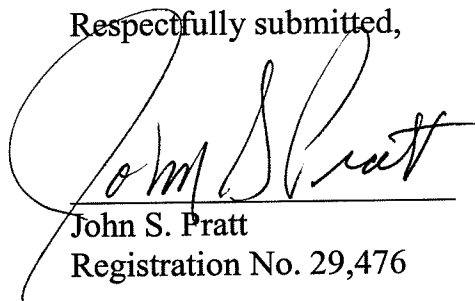
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I hereby certify that copies of the Request for Certificate of Correction of Patent and Exhibits have been served by deposit with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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